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For Your Information

Closed Date:

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Due Date:

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Letter Date:

Feb 1, 2012

Received Date:

Feb 8, 2012

Addressee:

AD-Administrator

Addressee Org:

EPA

Contact Type:

LTR (Letter)

Priority Code:

Normal

Signature:

SNR-Signature Not Required

Signature Date:

N/A

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Subject:

We demand justice and clean water for Dimock, PA residents afflicted by fracking For Your Information -- No action required

Instructions:

Instruction Note: N/A

General Notes:

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Lead Information

Lead Author:

N/A

Lead Assignments:

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Supporting Information

Supporting Author: N/A

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Jacqueline Leavy	OEX	R3	Feb 8, 2012

History

Action By	Office	Action	Date
Jacqueline Leavy	OEX	Forward control to R3	Feb 8, 2012

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ENOUGH IS ENOUGH - DIMOCK RESIDENTS DIMOCK, PA 18816

January, 2012

The Honorable Lisa Jackson Office of the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Room 3000, Ariel Rios Federal Building 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson:

We are extremely frustrated with the actions of your Philadelphia Regional Office. We are being treated as expendable in a continuing effort by just 11 landowners to make financial claims against Cahor Oil and Gas. These claims have already been rebuffed by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the Commonwealth's Environmental Hearing Board after three full years of data gathering. Now, just as we thought the worst was over, your agency inserts itself into the matter at the request, not of the Commonwealth or the community, but trial lawyers, giving further credence to the baseless claims of their clients.

The facts are simple. Cabot and our DEP entered into an agreement to resolve butstanding issues regarding some of its early wells. Cabot met these terms and DEP, therefore, released Cabot from its obligations to deliver water to affected homeowners. These homeowners have been offered both treatment systems and financial settlements. which several accepted and are pleased with. Water tests indicate the treatment systems work and the Philadelphia Regional Office acknowledged there was no safety hazard as recently as a few weeks ago. However, the litigants are now complaining their wells have been affected by other contaminants. They have obtained legal counsel, hosted activist film-maker Josh Fox and have continually advanced a false-narrative through activists and the media while refusing any, and all, assistance offered by Cabot and DEP, as well as participation in the national water study your agency is conducting. They have also failed to allow regular testing and monitoring of their water supplies, although such tests as have been allowed reveal no case where your primary drinking water standards are not met.

The Philadelphia Regional Office's action in enabling this litigation threatens our livelihoods and is destroying our community reputation. Worse, EPA is relying upon hyped-up allegations regarding arsenic, manganese and sodium, all of which are known to be naturally occurring in our water supplies in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Even more ourrageous is the twisting of EPA's Superfund authority, intended to help clean up abandoned hazardous waste sites, into a weapon for use by trial lawyers in bludgeoning Cabot for what is a non-issue. These actions are an assault on our property rights and basic freedoms. We urge you to rein in this rogue Regional Office.

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The Honorable Pat Toomey, United States Senator

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The Honorable Tom Corbett, Governor, Pennsylvania

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